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HOWARD CITY/BOELUS RECEIVES NEARLY \$500,000 FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Boelus, Neb., July 14, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$303,000 loan and \$182,000 grant to the Village of Howard City/Boelus. Funds will provide for a reliable potable water source to the more than 200 residents of the village. Community Development Block Grant of \$250,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development will assist in the project.

“We are very happy to receive the USDA Rural Development funds to obtain a new water well and needed water improvements,” stated Gene Whitefoot, village clerk for the Village of Howard City/Boelus. “Our present and only water well is operating at capacity and running at stress level. Outside watering is limited to every other day but if the dry conditions continue this will be eliminated.”

“USDA Rural Development is pleased to help ensure that this community receives safe and clean water,” stated Glen Gatz, community programs specialist for USDA Rural Development. “The Village is very anxious for the water improvement project that will alleviate a water problem they have struggled with for years.”

Water improvements include development of a new well and updated controls, construction of a new 100,000 gallon ground level storage reservoir, and installation of water main, meters, valves, and hydrants.

USDA Rural Development funds derived from its Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. Village of Howard City/Boelus’s loan term is 40 years at 4.250 percent rate of interest. For additional information contact Glen Gatz at (308) 237-3118; (402) 437-5093 (TDY); glen.gatz@ne.usda.gov; 4009 North 6th Avenue, PO Box 730, Kearney, Nebraska 68848-0730. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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